Communicate Quality to your Customers

About the Program – The USDC Seafood Inspection program performs quality inspections of specified lots of seafood products.

Who can participate? Any company interested in having a lot of product inspected is eligible for this service.

Requirements

Companies can request inspections for any lot of imported or domestically produced products.

USDC/NOAA Role

USDC Inspection personnel will conduct finished product inspections as specified by the customer.

Benefits

Depending upon the type of inspection performed by the USDC, companies can utilize the USDC Lot Inspected Shield on the product and in advertising. For companies wishing to limit the lot inspection to verification of buyer/seller specifications, inspections will be performed and paperwork indicating results will accompany the product.

Integrated Lot Inspection Program ILIP

About the Program – This reduced inspection service for lot inspected seafood products, was developed for companies with formal QA departments. USDC Inspection Personnel will perform inspections and verify results of the customer.

Who can participate? This program is designed for domestic processors of seafood products who have a well-designed Quality Assurance Program and qualified staff.

Requirements – Program participants must:

- 1) Develop and Implement an ILIP Plan
- 2) Provide ILIP Records to USDC inspection personnel for verification
- 3) Provide seafood product samples to USDC inspection personnel for verification.

USDC/NOAA Role

USDC Seafood Inspection Personnel will conduct lot inspections at a reduced frequency level. These inspections are designed to verify the effectiveness of the company's ILIP plan and are designed to confirm the validity of end product test results.

Benefits

Companies meeting the program criteria and whose products meet the applicable quality criteria can utilize the nationally recognized Lot Inspected Mark on their seafood products.

USDC Lot Inspected

Products that can be lot inspected:

Imported and Domestically Produced Seafood Products



U.S. Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program

Choose one of two inspection services that will allow your company to market seafood products bearing the Lot Inspection Shield. Both imported and domestically produced seafood products are eligible for Lot Inspections performed by the USDC National Seafood Inspection Program.

- USDC Lot Inspection Program
- Integrated Lot Inspection Program (ILIP)

Auditing and Consultative Services

USDC National Seafood Inspection program also offers an array of additional services

International

Third Party HACCP Audits On-Site Plan Verification

Training Workshops

Sensory Evaluation HACCP Workshop Grade Standards Sanitation Seafood Splash Course for Supermarkets Seafood HACCP for Supermarkets

HACCP Plan Development and Validation Services

Development of Buyer/Seller Specifications

Importer Verification Program Development Services

Sanitarily Inspected Fish Establishment (SIFE)

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